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10 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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12 I-FLOW CORPORATION, a Delaware
13 corporation,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 ZONE MEDICAL, LLC, a California limited
17 liability company,

18 Defendant.

) Civil Action No.
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) **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT**
) **INFRINGEMENT**
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) **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**
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1 Plaintiff I-Flow Corporation ("I-FLOW") hereby complains of Defendant Zone Medical,
2 LLC ("Defendant" or "ZONE"), and alleges as follows:

3 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 1. This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35 of the
5 United States Code.

6 2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

7 3. Venue is proper in this Judicial District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b).

8 **THE PARTIES**

9 4. Plaintiff I-FLOW is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the
10 State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 20202 Windrow Drive, Lake Forest,
11 CA 92630.

12 5. I-FLOW is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant ZONE is a
13 limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, having
14 a place of business in this District at 10064 Mesa Ridge Court, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92121.

15 6. I-FLOW is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant ZONE
16 conducts business throughout the United States, including in this Judicial District, and has
17 committed the acts complained of in this Judicial District and elsewhere.

18 **ALLEGATIONS FOR ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

19 7. On February 8, 1994, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") duly and
20 lawfully issued U.S. Patent No. 5,284,481 entitled "Compact Collapsible Infusion Apparatus"
21 (the "'481 patent"). I-FLOW is the owner by assignment of the '481 patent. A copy of the '481
22 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

23 8. I-FLOW is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that the SOLACE™ Post-
24 Operative Pain Relief Infusion System, marketed by Defendant Zone, includes an infusion pump
25 (the "SOLACE™ Infusion Pump") that is covered by the '481 patent.

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11. By the aforesaid acts of Defendant, I-FLOW has been greatly damaged, and will continue to be irreparably damaged unless Defendant is enjoined by the Court.

(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,284,481)

12. I-FLOW repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 11 of this Complaint.

13. This is a claim for patent infringement and arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.

14. I-FLOW is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant, through its agents, employees and servants, has been and is currently willfully and intentionally infringing the '481 patent by making, using, selling, importing and/or offering to sell infusion pumps, such as the SOLACE™ Infusion Pump, that are covered by at least one claim of the '481 patent. Defendant's acts constitute infringement of the '481 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

15. I-FLOW is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant's infringement will continue unless enjoined by this Court.

16. I-FLOW is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant has derived and received, and will continue to derive and receive, gains, profits and advantages from the aforesaid acts of infringement in an amount that is not presently known to I-FLOW. By reason of the aforesaid infringing acts, I-FLOW has been damaged and is entitled to monetary relief in an amount to be determined at trial.

1 17. Because of the aforesaid infringing acts, I-FLOW has suffered and continues to
2 suffer great and irreparable injury, for which I-FLOW has no adequate remedy at law.

3 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

4 WHEREFORE, I-FLOW prays for judgment in its favor against Defendant for the
5 following relief:

6 A. An Order adjudging Defendant to have willfully infringed the '481 patent under
7 35 U.S.C. § 271;

8 B. An injunction enjoining Defendant, its officers, directors, agents, servants,
9 employees and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with Defendant,
10 from directly or indirectly infringing the '481 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271;

11 C. That Defendant account for all gains, profits, and advantages derived by
12 Defendant's infringement of the '481 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, and that Defendant
13 pay to I-FLOW all damages suffered by I-FLOW since at least February 8, 1994;

14 D. An Order for a trebling of damages and/or exemplary damages because of
15 Defendant's willful conduct pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

16 E. An Order adjudging that this is an exceptional case;

17 F. An award to I-FLOW of the attorneys' fees and costs incurred by I-FLOW in
18 connection with this action pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;

19 G. An award of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs of this action
20 against Defendant; and

21 H. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just.

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24 Dated: January 10, 2008

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DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

I-FLOW CORPORATION hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

I-Flow Corporation, a Delaware corporation

DEFENDANTS

Zone Medical LLC, a California limited liability company

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
San Diego(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF Orange
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT San Diego
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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN 'X' IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN 'X' IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

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IV. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.)

DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY.)

The complaint for patent infringement arises out of the patent laws of the United States Code, specifically Title 35, Section 271(a) - (c) and 281.

V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

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VI. ORIGIN

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☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
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☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:
☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION DEMAND \$
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 CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
 JURY DEMAND: ☒ YES ☐ NO
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANYJUDGE Dana M. SabrawDocket Number 01cv1200 DMS (NLS)

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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